

SIX HELD IN BIG STAMP ROBBERY

THIEVES ALLEGED TO HAVE ESCAPED WITH HALF MILLION OF PLUNDER.

PRISONERS LIVE IN CHICAGO

Two Trunks Full of Revenue Stickers Recovered—St. Paul Collector's Office Looted Early in January.

Chicago.—Three men and three women, alleged to have blown open the vault of the United States collector at St. Paul on January 6 and to have escaped with \$3,000 in money and revenue stamps valued at \$577,357, were arrested here. Certain papers found on one of the prisoners suggested connection with the robbery of the New Westminster branch of the Bank of Montreal.

The arrests and recovery of two trunks full of revenue stamps, was said by Michael L. Igoe of the United States district attorney's office here, to be the most important made by federal agents in years.

The prisoners, who live in Chicago, are: Michael J. Flanagan, saloon keeper, and wife; Edward Leonard, alleged ex-convict, and wife; John J. Zack and wife.

The St. Paul robbery engaged the attention of secret service men, revenue agents, private and municipal detectives of a number of cities.

Stamps Are Negotiable.

The stamps were negotiable and every wheel in the government machinery was set going for their recovery.

The stamps ranged in denominations from 1 cent to \$500.

The supposed solution of the case started when several of the secret service men came to the conclusion that the robbery suggested the Canadian bank looting. In this connection it was recalled that Flanagan was arrested on a charge of passing money thought to have been from bank. He cleared himself of charge but not of the suspicion of detectives working on the case.

Two trunks were recovered from house by Leonard. He admitted that he and Mrs. Leonard rented a house at 804 Sixth street, South, Minneapolis.

The booty, it is alleged, was brought from St. Paul in an automobile, which has been traced to this house.

Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Zack are said to be sisters.

EDISON'S AGENT EXCORIATED

Judge Advocate Declares Company's Representative Was Wrong to Experiment with E-2.

New York, N. Y.—Miller Hutchinson, representative of the Edison Storage Battery Co., was criticized by Lieut. J. C. Fisher, judge advocate, in summing up before the naval court of inquiry, which has been investigating the disaster of the United States submarine E-2, Jan. 15, in which five men lost their lives.

Lieut. Fisher excoriated Lieut. Charles M. Cooke, commander of the crew, who, he said, were merely acting as agents of the Edison company in carrying out a test of batteries. He also called attention to the fact that a slight explosion had taken place on the E-2 two days prior to the disaster. He condemned Hutchinson for going ahead with the test "when he knew of the possibility of trouble."

EXPLOSION IN WAR PLANT

Many Windows in Factory at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Broken—Real Damage Inconsequential.

Niagara Falls, New York.—An attempt was made to blow up the Castner Electrolytic Alkali Company's plant here shortly before midnight. The explosion shattered many windows, but failed to damage the foundations, Superintendent G. F. Vaughn said.

The company is said to have been working on war orders recently.

Held for Infanticide.

Port Dodge, Ia.—Miss Hazel Scott, who has been living in Des Moines several months, was arrested here and will be taken back to Princeton, Mo., to face a charge of having murdered her baby.

School Girl, 15, Is Spanked.

Cincinnati, O.—Mrs. Birdie Zai applied to the clerk of the police court for a warrant for the arrest of J. M. Davis, principal of Highland School, for spanking her daughter, 15 years old.

Clover Leaf Strike in Sight.

Toledo, O.—A strike of all train dispatchers and telegraphers on the Clover Leaf Railroad is threatened unless the road settles differences with members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Teutons Out of Suspenders.

Vienna.—The scarcity of rubber elastic has caused all the garter factories in Austria-Hungary to close down, as well as most of those in Germany. Elastic garters and suspenders are no longer to be had.

War Supply Building Burned.

Chicago.—A seven-story building in the north side manufacturing district was destroyed by fire together with \$120,000 worth of supplies designed for the most part for warring nations of Europe.

EDISON AND HIS OLDEST EMPLOYEE



Thomas Edison photographed with John Ott, who has been in the employ of Edison longer than any other man—forty-six years.

NOT A BITE OF SEA POLICY CAPTURE TROUBLE MAKER

U. S. Navy Takes No Protests to Germany's Neutral Powers.

Galveston, Texas.—The United States government, believing the nations to be within their rights in this respect, shortly will warn to all its nationals to travel on belligerent ships at their own risk.

Position must be taken, many declared, if America's attitude is to continue to be logically out. The American attitude regarding arming of merchant ships, it became known for the first time yesterday, clearly set forth in the informal suggestion it recently made to the entente allies concerning the "absence of conditions now which in earlier times was the excuse for arming of merchantmen." These reasons were presence of privateers and pirates on the high seas.

None of the powers addressed, Secretary Lansing said, has replied to these suggestions.

SWISS TO JOIN PEACE BODY

Louis Lochner Tells Parliamentarians Manufacturer Is Willing to Spend Several Millions.

Berne, Switzerland.—A meeting of thirty Swiss parliamentarians after hearing the report of Louis Lochner and Harry C. Evans, as delegates of the Ford peace expedition, decided unanimously to favor the participation of Switzerland in the neutral peace conference at Stockholm.

Lochner assured the meeting that Henry Ford had stated his willingness to spend several millions of dollars to promote the success of the conference to which Lochner said all the neutral countries are sending representatives.

A Swiss delegation, headed by National Councillor Scherrer-Fuellemann, was appointed by the meeting.

British Relief Ship Rammed.

Galveston, Texas.—The English steamship Glenasmole, out-bound for Rotterdam with wheat for the Belgian relief commission, was rammed in Galveston channel by the Morgan liner El Monte. Both ships docked.

Bankers' Sentence Commuted.

Washington.—President Wilson has commuted to two years the five-year sentence of W. P. Phillips, an officer of the Vinita, Ok., National Bank, for making false entries in a report to the comptroller of the currency.

Bill Limits Liquor Shipments.

Jackson, Miss.—Shipments of liquor from outside the state to any person in Mississippi will be limited to one quart of whiskey and 24 pints of beer each 15 days if the house concurs in the senate bill.

City Fishing Hole Proposed.

Dallas, Tex.—A municipal fishing hole is the object of a movement launched here by angling enthusiasts, and petitions asking that the city reservoir, from which fishermen are barred now, be thrown open to anglers.

Civil War Engineer Dies.

Danville, Ill.—Frederick W. Jordan, formerly of St. Louis and a member of Company E of the First Missouri Engineers in the Civil War, is dead at the National Military Home here.

To Get Appam "Mite" Boxes.

Norfolk, Va.—Lieut. Berge, commander of the German prize ship Appam, announces he will give to the American Red Cross "mite" boxes found aboard the ship and containing \$75,000.

Women to Till British Soil.

London.—It is officially announced that the Board of Trade is taking steps to mobilize a sufficient number of women to work the land in order to meet the shortage of agriculture labor.

BLOCKS GERMAN LUST FOR POWER

TEUTONS SEEKING TO OBTAIN MILITARY POST ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

DISREGARD MONROE DOCTRINE

Offered Triple Price for Canal Concession in Nicaragua—Influence Felt in Chile and Uruguay—Desires Control of Haiti.

Washington.—The United States has been for some time carefully guarding secret information in its possession that Germany, disregarding of the Monroe Doctrine, has sought to obtain military as well as commercial footholds in certain republics of the Western Hemisphere. Because of this knowledge, it is said, Democratic and Republican leaders joined in the determined fight against consideration of the proposed Nicaraguan and Colombian treaties in open session.

Tried to Outbid U. S.

By a vote of 4 to 1, it was decided to debate these conventions, both dealing with Panama Canal routes, behind closed doors.

Documents in possession of the senate are reported to disclose that Germany tried to outbid the United States for a strip of land through Nicaragua to be used for oceanic canal purposes, also for naval bases in that vicinity.

It is also asserted that Germany sought a canal concession from Colombia and the right to establish a naval base at Cartagena.

The United States prevented the purchases from the two republics and hastened to make treaties insuring the exclusive control by this country of all canal and naval-base privileges.

And this, despite the fact, it is said, that Germany offered Nicaragua \$9,000,000 for the canal strip which Nicaragua is ready to cede to the United States for \$3,000,000.

Influence in Chile.

The senate also has displayed keen interest in the intelligence that Germany has extended its military influence in Chile and Uruguay by training the armies of those two countries.

Germany is reported to have tried to gain dominion over Haiti by control of the customs and the establishment of a naval base at Mole St. Nicholas. Here again the United States outwitted the Berlin government and the pending Haitian treaty is expected to block any efforts of the Germans to assert their political influence in that country.

Convicted of Killing Mother.

Princeton, Indiana.—A jury has brought in a verdict of life sentence against Bert Hope, charged with killing his aged mother, 76, November 8.

25 Quit, 6,000 Out of Work.

Trenton, N. J.—About 25 stokers at the John A. Roebling Sons plant here refused to go to work because their demands for more pay and shorter hours had been declined, and as a result the plant, employing about 6,000 men, was closed.

Killed by "Empty" Shotgun.

Danbury, Ia.—William Huss, a young farmer, is dead as the result of being shot by his wife with a shotgun she believed to be empty. The young man was at breakfast when his wife pointed it at him and pulled the trigger.

Liner Adriatic Brings Gold.

New York, N. Y.—The new White Star steamship Adriatic arrived from Liverpool, bringing \$30,000,000 in gold and securities for New York bankers. Nine British torpedo boat destroyers escorted the steamship.

Crossed Wires Cause Fire.

Montreal, Canada.—Crossed wires caused a \$50,000 fire in the forge department of the Canada Car and Foundry Company.

Lynched for Farmer's Death.

Macon, Ga.—Marvin Harris, a negro, accused of killing an aged farmer, was lynched near here.

Warship Fund Blocked.

New York.—Marjorie Sterrett, the Brooklyn girl, who started a contribution to build a battleship for the U. S. navy by sending 10 cents to a newspaper, and calling upon other children to do the same has received a letter from Josephus Daniels, returning her 10-cent donation.

Farmer, 73, Weds Housekeeper, 55.

Pana, Ill.—Miss Nora Evans, 55, and Levi Walker, 73, retired farmer of Pana, were secretly married in the city of Springfield, Ill. The bride had been Mr. Walker's housekeeper for several months.

Garrison Will Offer Help.

New York.—Lindley M. Garrison, former secretary of war, said that when his successor was appointed he would offer to go to Washington and help the new secretary become acquainted with his job.

Sample Jewelry Stolen.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Jewelry valued at \$8,000 was stolen from the traveling case of Ira Rosen, traveling for a Buffalo, N. Y., concern. He left a hotel here to go to Greensburg, Ind., and when he arrived he discovered his sample cases looted.

Women Gain in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City, Ok.—A joint resolution authorizing the submission of a woman suffrage amendment to the state constitution was adopted by the Oklahoma house of representatives.

STATE RANKS HIGH UP IN LIVE STOCK

THE FOUR BIG STOCK YARDS HANDLED 3,500,000 HEAD OF CATTLE.

VALUE NEAR HALF BILLION

Marched Two Abreast Line Would Reach 1,100 Miles—St. Louis Does Much Largest Business—Business From Distance.

Jefferson City.

The high rank of Missouri as a live stock state is shown by the 1915 receipts of cattle and calves, hogs, sheep and horses and mules at the stock yards of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, announces a bureau of labor statistics bulletin issued by Commissioner John T. Fitzpatrick.

Four stock yards—two in St. Louis and one each in Kansas City and St. Joseph—during the year in question handled 3,428,301 head of cattle, 7,170,442 hogs, 2,454,182 sheep and 417,596 horses and mules, a total of 14,510,521.

Driven two abreast, the live stock mentioned would form a line 1,100 miles long, allowing eight feet, which is merely providing breathing room for each team. It took 260,037 average sized stock cars in 1915 to handle this amount of cattle, hogs, sheep and horses and mules, which came from states as far west as the Rocky Mountains, as far south as the Gulf of Mexico, as far east as the Canadian border and as far east as Indiana and the eastern foothills of Kentucky and Tennessee.

The aggregate value was approximately \$428,200,000, enough money to build 28 dreadnaughts at \$15,000,000 each.

St. Louis in 1915 easily surpassed the other two cities in the number of horses and mules and hogs received. Kansas City led in cattle and sheep.

Total shipments of live stock, 1915, from St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph were: Cattle, 2,527,162 head; 3,770,856 head of hogs, 2,251,874 head of sheep and 405,019 head of horses and mules. What effect the European war had on the number of horses and mules handled in 1915, as compared with 1914 and 1913, is shown by that in 1915, 417,596 head were handled, and during 1914 264,710 and in 1913 275,627, a gain of nearly 60 per cent over 1914 and 52 over 1913.

Railroads Refuse to Agree.

After consultations lasting two or more hours the representatives of the main line railroads in the state refused to enter into any agreement as to the appeal of ex-Congressman M. E. Rhodes from the ruling of the public service commission, giving the railroads higher freight and passenger rates.

The appeal was taken to the circuit court, and came up before Judge J. G. Slate. Rhodes offered to waive every technicality and permit a direct appeal from the circuit court to the supreme court upon the single issue of the power of the commission to change a statutory maximum rate governing either freight or passenger rates.

William G. Busby, counsel for the commission, also expressed satisfaction with Rhodes' proposal. The railroad attorneys declined on the ground that they should not be made parties to the suit, and asked a dismissal as far as they were concerned.

Road Delegates Chosen.

Governor Major has appointed the following delegates to represent Missouri at the National Good Roads Congress in Pittsburgh, Feb. 28 to March 3. Frank W. Buffum of Louisiana, state highway commissioner; C. H. Adams of Chillicothe, president, Ocean-to-Ocean Pike's Peak Road Association, and Thomas W. Cunningham of Joplin.

Writ Refused in Election Case.

The supreme court dismissed the application of Anthony W. Powers, constable-elect in the fourth district of St. Louis, for writ of prohibition from removing him from office and seating Charles H. Turpin, a negro, who was his opponent in the election and who contested his right to the office.

Life-Term Escapes Caught.

George Smithinger, a life-term convict, for the first time in the history of the state penitentiary, made his escape by scaling the wall and jumping. Bloodhounds on his trail resulted in his immediate capture.

Missouri River Appropriation.

The following recommendations are made by the congressional waterways committee:

The Missouri river apportionment totals \$1,776,000, distributed as follows: From St. Louis to Kansas City, \$1,500,000; from Kansas City to Sioux City, \$108,000; from Sioux City to Fort Benton, \$168,000. The appropriation for the St. Louis stretch of the Mississippi river is considerably below former grants, which have ordinarily totaled \$1,000,000. Congress will take action this week.

Promised Sporting Event.

Indications are that the race for the Democratic nomination for secretary of state will be a "sporting event." So far the contest is between John L. Sullivan of Sedalia and J. Kelly Pool of Jefferson City, secretary of the state capital commission. The advance notices of the coming contest is contained in a special newspaper edition of J. Kelly Pool's side of the affair. In this special journal are contained the pictures of 58 persons who have so far pledged themselves to vote for Mr. Pool.

Missouri Birth Rate Decreases.

Missouri slid backward as regards to births, during the year just closed, to the extent of 4,176 fewer births than in 1914, according to the official figures furnished by the state board of health. The returns have just been footed up. They show that the total births in the state in 1915 were 69,749, against 73,925 in 1914.

The death rate also shows a decrease of 3,334, which is some consolation. The total deaths last year were 39,408. The birth rate was the highest in September, being 6,195, and the death rate the lowest, 2,812, for the same month. During the year there were 1,625 accidental deaths, 227 homicides and 659 suicides.

Tuberculosis is still the most deadly of all diseases in the mortality statistics. There were, for the year, 4,647 deaths from this ailment, 4,628 from pneumonia, 2,348 from Bright's disease, 2,073 from cancer, 636 from diphtheria, 450 from typhoid fever, 11 from smallpox, 51 from scarlet fever and 120 from whooping cough. Children under 2 years of age to the number of 1,238 were carried off by ailments of the stomach.

Charges Against Hospital Head.

Charges of incompetency were made against Dr. George H. Thompson, superintendent of State Hospital No. 2, at a meeting of the board of managers, and he will be given an opportunity to be heard at a special meeting to be held soon.

There are nine counts in the charges which are filed by L. J. Eastin, a member of the board.

Thompson has been superintendent of the hospital almost two years and his term will expire June 1.

It is charged that he has neglected to discharge his duties essential to the good government of the institution that he has failed to systematize the work at the hospital, and that through laxity he has lost control of his subordinates.

Cole County Audit Filed.

Auditor Gordon in transmitting to the county court the report on the audit of the books of Cole county just completed by his examiners, revealed that present and past officials of the county within the past 16 years under audit owe the state and county \$7,207.75 in fees, and said that many of the claims had been barred by the statute of limitations, and that the audit revealed no dishonesty, the irregularities being due to misinterpretation of the laws.

Following are the county officers, past and present, who are held by the examiners to owe the state and the amount due from each:

D. C. McClung, former collector—state, \$327.07; county, \$1,452.47.

F. Guy China, former collector—state, \$89.33; county, \$438.37.

F. W. Roer, former county clerk—state, \$531.68; county, \$1,443.35.

T. B. Mahan, former collector—\$100.

S. H. Sone, former collector—\$200.

C. L. Moore, former circuit clerk—\$119.60.

Henry Andrae, former circuit clerk—\$167.68.

J. J. Sommers, former circuit clerk—\$135.55.

R. L. Berry, ex-circuit clerk, now recorder—\$623.81.

Clem A. Dirks, county clerk—\$1,138.49.

Of the amount due against Mr. McClung, \$810 is for indexing fees and \$24.47 represents the difference between the taxes he collected and the amount he paid into the treasury.

Political Agreement Alleged.

Political gossip here has it that the friends of John M. Atkinson, chairman of the Missouri public service commission, and those of Sam Lazarus, former president of the St. Louis city council, have made an "alliance" by which the latter will support Mr. Atkinson when he runs for governor and Mr. Lazarus will be advocated as a candidate for national committee.

Prices Too High.

Former State Senator Geo. T. Lee, vice president of the board of managers of the Missouri school for the blind, has written to Martin J. Collins, president of the board, protesting against the charges made in the institution for the construction of two new dining rooms and supplies furnished for the school. Senator Lee charges that the school is forced to pay 10 per cent more for its supplies than is charged to private individuals.

Pike County Audit.

The petition filed with the state authorities asking for an audit of the books of Pike county was taken up and a board of examiners have been charged for the last week or so. No evidence of dishonesty has been discovered, but owing to certain causes there is a shortage of a small amount. The report will be ready to give out to the public as soon as the work of the experts has been completed.

First Candidate Files.

O. L. Munger of Greenville, Democrat of Wayne county, is the first Missourian to file his official declaration as a candidate for congress and pay the \$50 for the privilege of making the race. He lives in the thirtieth district, now represented by Walter L. Hensley, Democrat. But one other candidate has filed so far, and he is Judge Fred L. Williams of Joplin, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for supreme court. In a few weeks the number will be as the sands of the sea.

Folk Decline to Announce.

Former Governor Joseph W. Folk has declined to affirm or deny the statements of friends that he would or would not make the fight for the Democratic nomination for governor. He will decide in the near future.

To Address Good Roads Congress.

As ever and always ready to boost good roads, Governor Major has accepted an invitation to address the National Good Roads Congress which will meet in Pittsburgh, Penn., on February 28.

Not a Bite of Breakfast Until You Drink Water

Says a glass of hot water and phosphate prevents illness and keeps us fit.

Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of combustible material in the form of ashes, so the food and drink taken after day leaves in the alimentary canal a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not completely eliminated from the system each day, becomes food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels. From this mass of left-over waste, toxins and ptomaine-like poisons are formed and sucked into the blood.

Men and women who can't get feeling right must begin to take inside baths. Before eating breakfast each morning drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash out of the thirty feet of bowels the previous day's accumulation of poisons and toxins and to keep the entire alimentary canal clean, pure and fresh.

Those who are subject to sick headache, colds, biliousness, constipation, others who wake up with bad taste, foul breath, backache, rheumatic stiffness, or have a sour, gassy stomach after meals, are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from any druggist or storekeeper, and begin practicing internal sanitation. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to make anyone an enthusiast on the subject.

Remember inside bathing is more important than outside bathing, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, causing poor health, while the bowel pores do. Just as soap and hot water cleanses, sweetens and freshens the skin, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the stomach, liver kidneys and bowels.—Adv.

WHEN KIDNEYS ACT BAD TAKE GLASS OF SALTS

Eat Less Meat if Kidneys Hurt or You Have Backache or Bladder Misery—Meat Forms Uric Acid.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.—Adv.

IS CHILD CROSS, FEVERISH, SICK

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.